

# **Education and Workforce Development Cabinet KDLA's Beth Shields receives national award**

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**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 29, 2013)** – Beth Shields, an electronic records analyst in the Public Records Division of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), recently received a prestigious national award at the 2013 joint annual meeting of the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) and the Society of American Archivists (SAA) in New Orleans.

The CoSA, the national organization of the directors of state archival programs in the 50 states, the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia, chose Shields for its highest award. CoSA President and Indiana State Archivist Jim Corridan presented the CoSA President's Award to Shields at the opening plenary session, with an audience of over 1,600 archivists from around the country.

Corridan cited Shields' outstanding work as co-chair of CoSA's State Electronic Records Initiative (SERI). Corridan also outlined Shields' other achievements with the SERI program, including managing a self-assessment process for all 56 members; helping direct two grant projects totaling \$500,000; and helping design and coordinate a series of continuing education programs for all CoSA members.

"Beth's contributions to CoSA's SERI project are central to this large undertaking involving state government archives programs in all the states and territories," said Barbara Teague, State Archivist and Records Administrator and Public Records Division Director at KDLA. "Beth's knowledge of electronic records management and digital preservation, her management skills, and her steady leadership are ensuring the ongoing success of this project."

"It is an honor to receive this award from CoSA, and to participate in such an important initiative," said Shields. "I have enjoyed co-chairing SERI this year with Matt Veatch, Kansas state archivist, and look forward to another successful year with my new co-chair, Sarah Koonts, North Carolina state archivist. CoSA's collaborative work on electronic records management and digital preservation programs will be instrumental in improving preservation of important government records."

Shields held a two-year internship at KDLA while she attended the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science before her graduation in 2004. She then worked in reference at the Library of Virginia and in reference and oral history at the Kentucky Historical Society before returning to KDLA in a permanent staff position in 2009 to work with state and local government agencies on electronic records management. She has been involved with

CoSA's SERI project since its inception in July 2011. She lives in Frankfort with her husband and two daughters.

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For more information on CoSA, see [www.statearchivists.org](http://www.statearchivists.org). For more information on CoSA's SERI project and grant initiatives, see <http://www.statearchivists.org/seri/>.